

23rd March 1921]

A.—A statement showing the receipts from and the expenses incurred on the Buckingham canal for the years 1910-11 to 1919-20 is laid on the table.*

Licences for firearms.

493 Q.—MR. T. SIVASANKARAM PILLAI: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state—

(a) what the total number is of licences for firearms which were in force in the months of December 1918, December 1919 and December 1920 in the Anantapur district;

(b) out of the total number of licences in force in December 1920 in the Anantapur district, how many were renewals for over ten years successively;

(c) what the total number is of applications for licences of firearms received by the Collector of the Anantapur district for the current year up to the end of January 1921; how many of them were for original licences and how many for renewals;

(d) of those rejected how many were from applicants who had their licences renewed for over ten years successively;

(e) out of the total number rejected how many were so rejected on ex-parte police reports;

(f) if the Government will be pleased to consider the advisability of appointing two or more of non-official advisers to help the District Magistrate in granting licences for firearms.

A.—(a) The number of licences in force during the year 1918 was 1,828.

" " " 1919 was 1,758.

" " " 1920 was 1,840.

(b) to (e) The Government have no information.

(f) The Government are unable to accept the suggestion.

MR. T. SIVASANKARAM PILLAI:—"With regard to clauses (b) to (e), will the Government be pleased to call for information?"

THE HON'BLE SIR LIONEL DAVIDSON:—"If the Honourable Member can satisfy me that any useful purpose will be served by calling for all this information, I will consider the question; but I observe from the wording of the clauses of the question that the main point seems to be only about clauses (d) and (e)."

MR. T. SIVASANKARAM PILLAI:—"Am I to do it by means of separate communication?"

THE HON'BLE THE PRESIDENT:—"Separate communication, I presume."

Pay of elementary teachers.

494 Q.—MR. S. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education what action the Government propose to take in connexion with the memorials of elementary teachers for higher pay.